

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 163.1(1), the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 65, “Animal and Livestock Importation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment would require trichomoniasis testing of bulls brought into Iowa from out of state. The testing requirement would not apply to rodeo bulls, bulls being sent to slaughter, and virgin bulls under 24 months of age.

Any interested persons may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before December 3, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Margaret Thomson, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may be submitted by fax to (515)281-6236 or by e-mail to Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov.

The proposed amendment is subject to the Department’s general waiver provisions.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 163.1 and 163.14.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new paragraph **65.4(3)“c”**:

c. Trichomoniasis test. A bull must have a negative trichomoniasis test within 30 days prior to importation and have no subsequent sexual exposure. The trichomoniasis test is either one negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test or three consecutive weekly negative trichomoniasis foetus cultures. This testing requirement does not apply if the bull is:

- (1) Under the age of 24 months and listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as “virgin” or not having been sexually exposed to any female;
- (2) Being sent directly to slaughter or to an auction market and directly to slaughter; or
- (3) Temporarily in the state for a rodeo or exhibition and leaves after the event.